

McKee, Meta D.

Meta Dorothy McKee, 88, of Pigeon (formerly of Mount Clemens), passed away Thursday, March 12, 2009 at Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care in Pigeon.

Born in Pigeon at the family home May 31, 1920, Meta was the daughter of the late Herman H. and Anna Marie (Schuette) Buchholz, and was baptized at Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon on June 13, 1920. She was a 1938 graduate of Pigeon High School .

Meta attended the Evangelical Deaconess School of Nursing in Detroit, graduating May 15, 1941, and received her R.N. license in 1942. She served with the U.S. Army as 1st Lieutenant Nurse, 147 General Hospital, Hawaii, until her discharge in August 1946.

On March 6, 1948 she was married to Tom McKee in the Detroit area and he preceded her in death.

Prior to World War II, Meta was an industrial nurse with Briggs Industrial. Following the war, she worked as an industrial nurse with Chrysler Corporation for 40 years, retiring in 1986. She lived most of her life in the Mount Clemens area, and was formerly a very active member of the American Lutheran Church in Clinton Township .

Meta loved beautiful things, birds, her garden and especially her flowers. She enjoyed helping people; she loved food and spending time with family and friends. She diligently developed and maintained the records of her family history, and regarded her nieces and nephews as her children.

She is survived by two brothers, William (Margaret) Buchholz of Pigeon and Larry (Pat) Buchholz of California; a sister-in-law, Marge Buchholz of Florida; and 24 favorite nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Ernst (Marie) Buchholz, Adolph (Elna) Buchholz, infant sister Frieda, Ervin (Alice) Buchholz, Otto (Betty) Buchholz, and Albert Buchholz; a sister-in-law, Leona Buchholz; two nephews, Richard and Kent Buchholz; and a niece, Carol Taylor.

Funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 14, 2009 at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon, with the Rev. Timothy Loehrke, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials may be made to the American Lutheran Church of Clinton Township or Cross Lutheran School.

Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, conducted the arrangements.